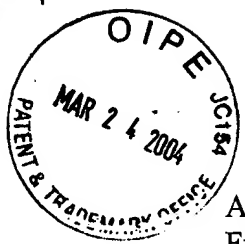


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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 22, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.